



Wisconsin Medicaid Fact Sheet

The Family Planning Waiver

What is the Family Planning Waiver?

The Family Planning Waiver (FPW) is a Medicaid Program for women between 15 and 44 years of age. It covers selected family planning services and supplies. The Family Planning Waiver and the Wisconsin Medicaid program are administered by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS).

What Services are Covered Under the Family Planning Waiver?

If you are determined eligible for the FPW you will have coverage for family planning related services, some of which include:

- Initial family planning office visits
- Contraceptive services and supplies
- Natural family planning supplies
- Family planning pharmacy visits
- Pap tests
- Test and treatment for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and other select lab tests
- Tubal ligation
- Annual and routine preventative primary care services

Who is Eligible for the Family Planning Waiver?

To be found eligible for the FPW, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a qualified immigrant.
- Be a Wisconsin resident
- Be a woman between 15 and 44 years of age (including women 15 and 44 years of age).
- Have a family gross income that does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level. (For minors, a parent's income is not counted).
- Not be receiving Medicaid.
- Cooperate with all requirements of the Medicaid Program.

There is no asset test for the FPW.

How Do I Become Eligible for the Family Planning Waiver Program?

You must apply for FPW through your county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency, or Medicaid outstation site. An application can be made by mail, telephone, or in person at a county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency or Medicaid outstation site.

What is "Presumptive Eligibility" for the Family Planning Waiver?

Qualified Medicaid providers can find women "presumptively eligible" for FPW. A woman found to be presumptively eligible can receive covered family planning services immediately, even before she has applied for the FPW at a county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency, or Medicaid outstation site.

Your own doctor may be a qualified provider. You should first call your doctor or provider and ask if he or she can determine your presumptive eligibility for the FPW. If the provider you see is not a “qualified provider,” it is easy to find one. Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 can provide you with a list of qualified FPW providers in your area.

Presumptive eligibility for FPW only lasts until the end of the second month after the month FPW presumptive eligibility started. You can only be found presumptively eligible for one 3 month period in a 12 month period. For additional information on presumptive eligibility for the FPW please consult the “Presumptive Eligibility for the Family Planning Waiver” fact sheet.

For example, Jane goes to the clinic and her provider determines that she is presumptively eligible on March 10. If Jane does not file a Medicaid/BadgerCare/FPW application through her local county/tribal social or human services department, the presumptive eligibility ends on May 31st.

Do I Need to be Found Presumptively Eligible to Apply for the Family Planning Waiver?

You do not need to be found presumptively eligible to apply for FPW.

If I am Determined to be Eligible for the Family Planning Waiver, How will My Services be Paid?

You will be mailed a plastic “Forward” card and information on how to use the Forward card to pay for FPW services. Remember to keep your Forward card for future use, in case you are found to be eligible for Medicaid at a later date. If you later apply for Medicaid, or the FPW, and your application is approved you will continue to use the same Forward card for all covered services.

Note: You must use Wisconsin Medicaid Certified Providers.

Are All Services Provided Under the Family Planning Waiver Confidential?

The FPW has the same confidentiality protections as Medicaid. In addition, women applying for or receiving FPW benefits will have the following additional protections:

- If requested, you can have written communications sent to an alternate address instead of your home address.
- Minors (women under 18 years of age) will not be referred to the child support agency.
- Eligibility of women under 18 years of age will not be based on the income of parents. Local agencies will not contact parents or other caretakers when determining the eligibility of minors applying for the FPW.

For More Information Call:

- Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available).
- The county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency or Medicaid outstation site in your county.

Information provided in this document is general. To find out more detailed information regarding the Family Planning Waiver, please contact your local county/tribal social or human service agency.

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